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INTRODUCTION OF SANSKRIT AS COMPULSORY SUBJECT IN KVS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Sanskrit is being taught as a compulsory subject in Kendriya Vidyalayas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government considers teaching other Indian Languages as well there with a view to promote national integration;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a) & (b) Sanskrit is taught in Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) as one of the subjects from classes VI to VIII. In classes IX & X, students can take any two languages, out of English, Hindi & Sanskrit. The students of classes XI & XII have to opt for one core language out of English/Hindi/Sanskrit.

(c) & (d) Yes, Sir. Provision for teaching of other Indian languages exists in Kendriya Vidyalayas provided 20 or more students in a class opt for the same. The curriculum of Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) includes 20 Indian languages at secondary and higher secondary level. There is a provision by CBSE to study an additional sixth subject at the secondary level, and this can be a language. These provisions of CBSE are aimed at learning of different languages in a multi-linguistic and multi-cultural context with a view to promoting national integration.

(e) Does not arise.